



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-003
BY THE MAYOR**

- WHEREAS:** In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus emerged in Wuhan, China; and
- WHEREAS:** The respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, is an infectious virus that can spread from person-to-person and can result in serious illness or death; and
- WHEREAS:** On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a national emergency; and
- WHEREAS:** The world has experienced a deep humanitarian crisis due to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS:** COVID-19 is officially a global pandemic according to the World Health Organization (WHO); and
- WHEREAS:** Governor Brian Kemp has declared a public health emergency in the state of Georgia as of March 14, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of COVID-19, including how to protect oneself from becoming sick, recommending use of social distancing in order to prevent the continued spread of the virus globally; and
- WHEREAS:** Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of COVID-19 on March 16, 2020.
- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 38-3-27 through 38-3-54 through 38-3-56 authorizes the Augusta, Georgia Board of Commissioners to provide emergency management within Richmond County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO AUGUSTA, GEORGIA CODE
SECTIONS 3-3-34 THROUGH 38-3-56, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN
ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, IT IS HEREBY**

ORDERED That there exists emergency circumstances in Augusta-Richmond County requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens from the spread of COVID-19.

IT IS FURTHER



ORDERED

That the Augusta-Richmond County Emergency Management Agency is designated as the lead agency for responding to this public health emergency and shall coordinate all emergency response activities and other matters pertaining to this emergency declaration.

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ORDERED:

That water is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of all residence. A sixty (60) day moratorium is established on all residential water cutoff notices while a customer's bill is in dispute.

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That housing is essential to the health, safety and welfare of all residence. A sixty (60) day moratorium is established on all residential evictions in Richmond County.

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ORDERED:

The Augusta recreation facilities, community centers, and government facilities will be closed to the public. All county parks will remain open for outdoor use. All group gatherings, rentals, programs, and activities will be suspended until April 1, 2020.

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The Augusta Libraries and Senior Centers will be closed to the public until April 1, 2020.

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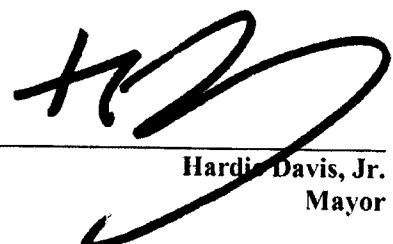
This order shall remain in effect only for the time stated herein and is not intended to, and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the City of Augusta, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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ORDERED:

That the State of Emergency shall terminate on April 16, 2020, at 12:00 P.M., unless it is renewed by the Mayor.

This 16th day of March, 2020, at 4.00 P.M.



Hardie Davis, Jr.
Mayor